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In re Application of:

Gilbert E. Caster

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NEST, AND CRACKING METHOD

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

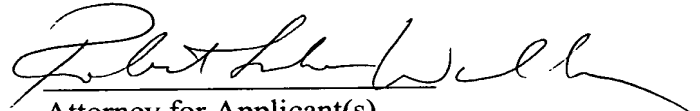
Please cancel Claims 1-14.

**REMARKS**

Claims 15 - 33 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1 - 14 have been cancelled.

As now amended, the application is considered to be in proper form and directed to patentable subject matter. Prompt reexamination and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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